

House Bill 2674

Sponsored by Representative MCINTIRE; Senator ANDERSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: Directs a task force to study the requirements for a high school diploma. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Establishes the Task Force on High School Diploma Modernization. Prescribes the membership, duties and reporting requirements of the task force.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a task force on high school diploma requirements; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on High School Diploma Modernization is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 24 members appointed by the Governor. The task force**
6 **must include at least two members from each of the following categories:**

7 **(a) Students;**

8 **(b) Parents;**

9 **(c) Teachers;**

10 **(d) Classified school employees;**

11 **(e) High school counselors;**

12 **(f) School administrators;**

13 **(g) School board members;**

14 **(h) Representatives of higher education;**

15 **(i) Representatives of local workforce development boards;**

16 **(j) Representatives of businesses; and**

17 **(k) Representatives of community-based organizations.**

18 **(3)(a) The task force shall review the current high school diploma requirements and**
19 **propose updated and comprehensive changes to the requirements for a high school diploma.**

20 **(b) The goal of the changes proposed by the task force shall be to establish requirements**
21 **for an updated, student-focused high school diploma that prepares all students for any**
22 **pathway a student may choose after high school graduation.**

23 **(c) As part of the review required under this subsection, the task force shall consider**
24 **relevant research and recommendations, including the report produced as a result of the**
25 **enactment of section 1, chapter 495, Oregon Laws 2021 (Enrolled Senate Bill 744 (2021)).**

26 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
27 **of business.**

28 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
29 **of the task force.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

2 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-**
3 **come immediately effective.**

4 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
5 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

6 **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

7 **(10)(a) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
8 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
9 **Assembly related to education no later than:**

10 **(A) March 1, 2026, for a preliminary report on the progress of the task force; and**

11 **(B) September 15, 2026, for the final report of the task force.**

12 **(b) The task force shall submit to the Governor the reports required under paragraph (a)**
13 **of this subsection based on the timelines prescribed by paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

14 **(11) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.**

15 **(12) Members of the task force are entitled to compensation and expenses in the manner**
16 **and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses incurred in**
17 **performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the de-**
18 **partment for purposes of the task force.**

19 **(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
20 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**
21 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**
22 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

23 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.**

24 **SECTION 3.** **This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
25 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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